

S.M.F.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

August 4, 1941

Dear Father Alayius:

We would greatly appreciate
your saying Mass some time this week
for our good Superior, Mother St. Dominic.
Kindly pray also for S.M.

Mediatrice who has been violently obsessed
by the Evil One over and above severe
physical suffering. She seems somewhat
better to-day although unable as yet to
retain any food.

May we count on your prayers
for our retreat, please.

Most gratefully yours in the Sacred Heart
S. St. Thomas S. S. C. M.

J. m. J.

Holy Family Academy
Beaverhill, Illinois

August 12, 1941

Reverend Father Aloysius
St. Jude Seminary
Mokenca, Illinois

Dear Father Aloysius:

It is customary for the
mistress of novices to have Mass said
for those of Ceremony on August fifteenth.
I know it would mean far more to
our dear Sr. Medatrix to have it
said by you. May I ask you to in-
clude her little companion, Miss
Helen, who is to receive the Holy

Habit that day.

Sister L. has been suffering considerably both physically and morally. Apparently the Lord is putting the final touches to the purification of His living Chalice. We count on your prayers.

Awaiting the privilege of having you with us on Sister's memorable day, I am

Most respectfully and gratefully yours in J. M. P.

S. L. Thomas S. S. C. M.

St. Patrick Academy
Mokence, Illinois

Beaverville, Illinois,
August 13, 1941.

Rev. Father Aloysius, C.M.F.,
St. Jude Seminary,
Mokence, Illinois.

Rev. dear Father:

Mother Rose Mary has kindly permitted me to write this letter to you. I felt that during the peace, calm, and quiet of retreat, it would be easier to tell you my thoughts and feelings, the ardent longings and aspirations of my soul. I usually find it difficult to express myself verbally, especially when under strong emotion.

We are having a very peaceful and quiet retreat. Our retreat master is rather unusual and while he is not the inspiration that many retreat masters have been, he has a manner of emphasizing fundamental truths in a way that strikes home and impresses them upon your mind. I think you would enjoy his constant repetition of the fact that we are too short-sighted in our views of things - that we do not take the long stretch or far-sighted view of things. I feel that I am making a good retreat. I am trying my best to make it so and I feel that our dear Lord will make up for my deficiencies.

All that you said to me last week, Father, has been the subject of my constant thought and meditation during the retreat. I found you ~~most~~ most severe - but rightly so - and I thank God that He permitted you to speak to me the way you did. It seemed to me that the more you spoke, the more severe you became and the more vehement in your denouncement of me. When I left the confessional, I felt as though I had been reduced to the "least common denominator." The more I think of it, the greater the sorrow and the shame I feel for my great pride, selfishness, self-love, self-esteem and human respect. I feel that the Holy Spirit enlightened you and guided you in order to make known to me the sad state of my soul. I am deeply grateful to you, Father, for your kindness and charity. I have made a thorough examination of conscience and I find that all you said is only too true. I have not been fully abandoned to God's holy Will; I have not donfided in Him completely;

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois
August 20, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

Briefly, here is the report of my annual retreat. -

My love for our Blessed Mother impelled me to take with me the CITY OF GOD - The Conception. I found Part 2, beginning with Chapter 3 - Mary's life in the Temple - to meet my very need in the perfect fulfillment of my vows of religion and greater perfection. I read most of this part through, and it is my plan, if you approve, to take it paragraph by paragraph, using it for my meditation each day, that I may model my life on Mary's, endeavoring to imitate her as perfectly as I can. I have been very niggardly with God and I fell far short in the practice of my vows during these many years and I am determined to amend my past lethargy in the Divine service by love's abandon through obedience and charity, and a more perfect observance of my vows and Holy Rule. I want this to be a holy year - one of love and thanksgiving in union with our Sister Mary Mediatrix. I promised this God many times during retreat and again in a particular way during Holy Mass, August 15th. The words of a hymn to the Sacred Heart which they sang, "Let Thy will my master be" rang constantly through my mind from the beginning of Holy Mass until the Offertory. At the Offertory of Mass while they chanted the Veni Creator I yielded my whole being to His creative action in union with the Sacred Heart to the Eternal Father. It was a real and complete offering of my whole being, and though the tears flowed copiously somehow I didn't mind. Pray God that I may not take back what I have given Him and promised to give Him. I have a plaque of our Lady, - Rosa Mystica - as the Child in the Temple, which I had blessed through Reverend Mother for Childlike simplicity, love's abandon, and greater perfection - and the desire that each time this image of Mary is looked at it may inspire the three gifts mentioned and an ever-increasing love of God through Mary.

Most of my free time outside the retreat exercises was spent in the Sacramental Presence - there were many moments of loving intimacy with Him. I guess the dear good God knows by now I love Him, if He can believe me, I told Him so often enough. While we were chanting the Office, and the opposite side was saying their part I was telling Him between the lines "I love Thee" until I thought that might be wrong and then I didn't do it consciously. It seemed more perfect to follow the Latin since I was praying as a Community, instead of inserting my own chatter. Wasn't that right?

Reverend Mother asked that we make this a year of love by more fervent Communions - preparation and Thanksgiving. To effect this, I am endeavoring to live with God - my Trinity, in an ever-increasing intimacy, and I ask God this with each Holy Communion.

Also during retreat I made a pact with our Blessed Mother and my Guardian Angel. I asked Mary to place me upon each paten with the Host and to offer me with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and all the members of the Mystical Body to the Eternal Father - and to immerse me in the depths of each and every Chalice of the Precious Blood in the Mass throughout the world presenting me thus to the Eternal Father that all things may be fulfilled in me according to the counsel of His will, and for souls. I asked my Guardian Angel to bring me my God in spiritual communion at the Communion of every Holy Mass. I have been very forgetful of my Guardian Angel, but this sacred duty will make up, I hope.

Please pray that I may be faithful in Love's ABANDON through obedience and Charity. I assure you of a daily remembrance in my poor prayers,

Respectfully,

Sister Mary

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho

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You may imagine the worry that is mine continually
over this affair

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my behalf, hoping You are well. God and Mary love and
bless You always

As ever Your Sister in the Sacred Heart
Sister M. Mildreda

St. Alphonsus Hospital

Boise, Idaho

J. M. J.

Sunday Aug 20th. 41

Rev. Aloysius Illacuria C.M.F.

My Dear Rev. Brother in Christ.

It been such a long time since I last heard from You, that I hope You are not ill, Did You get my letters? Now Dear Father I come to You in my sore distress that You will come to my aid, with Your good prayers to help me out of my difficulty, Im to be sued to the Courts for the injury of a Patients arms that I took specimen of blood from her vein for determining the amount of Sugar in her blood stream, she being a Diabetic, her claim is I injured her arm, which I know myself I did not, at the time there were Xray pictures taken of the joint of the elbow as well as soft tissue Xray picture, neither one showed any injury whatsoever, nevertheless she has entered the case in the hands of a Lawyer. Now Dear Father, will You be so kind as to pray that this affair will be settled outside the Law Courts, I willing accept this Cross, only fear going to the Law Courts, so please dear pray and ask Your good little Sister to fix it up by settlement so I wont have to suffer the publicity of the affair, not only myself

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J M. J.

September 11th 1941

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C. M. F.

My Dear Rev. Brothers in Christ

Many thanks for Your good letter and good advice as well as Your good prayers in my behalf which are appreciated at all times but never perhaps as much as at present time.

About a week ago the Lawyer came to see Sister Superior, saying he had been to see the people and found them well disposed to make a settlement since then Sister has not heard from them.

I'm hoping and praying that they will do so soon.

to say thank You for all Your kind help to me seems so inadequate, as well as to dear little Sister Mediatrix however dear Father I will try to reciprocate in my small way by my prayers in Your behalf and Your Seminary, and for my little Sister every day of my life Father I will try my best to become worthy of all that the Sacred Heart wishes me to be, and am willing to suffer for love of Him, all I ask is to make it

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personal, that no one may be involved but my own self. Do You dear Father think this to much to ask of Our Lord, I am not afraid of suffering, myself when no one else suffers on my account, as I am sure You will readily understand so do please Father ask the dear Sacred Heart for this favour for me.

I will say the aspiration You asked me to say many times a day, and make as many visits to the Chapel as I can during the day.

Thank You dear Father for Holy Masses, and for the Badages I gave some to my Superior, and one to Miss Hardy who is my helper in the Lab, a very good Catholic girl, I gave her Your Address, to send to her Mother who lives in Montana, she will send You Mass intentions soon, Miss Hardy will send You some Badages, to have Blessed for her family at home. Father find inclosed in this letter a letter for dear Sister Mediatrix, You read ^{it} also, I do not expect her to write to me, whatever she wishes me to do, please Father write it down for her, and then when You write tell me about it, the dear Lord knows how much I would appreciate a half hours visit with

You both, I would relate to You the state of my soul in detail, I have never told any one, so must rely on the Dear Sacred Heart for direction through You so I will await Your advice, and pray and pray with all my Heart for You and Your intentions, and Seminary and little Sister Mediatrix. Your intentions and Sister I placed in Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows for the 15th Sept. I will do the same for Novena to Saint Michael the 29th on that day we are closing the Celebration of the Centenary of our Order here in the United States, with Solemn High Mass, at the Cathedral here in our City, You may be sure my dear Brother + little Sister Mediatrix, will have a large share in my prayers at that Mass.

Will You still remain in the Seminary this Year, when You write tell me so I may know Your address, that I can write to You occasionally, Father I have offered this little cross to Our Lord, and am with His Holy help patient about it, Your letter brought me great consolation while I must tell You how unworthy this poor sinner feels when I consider the Honor of the inestimable Gift from Our Lord of being called "His little one", Oh Father it makes me want to ask? what have I done to deserve such an Honor.

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as well as the wonderful privilege the dear little Sister so graciously bestowed on me as to adopt me as her Soul friend in life and eternity in His Adorable Heart. I can show my appreciation only by my prayers for her, and You dear Father, by living my life in union ~~with~~ with ~~her~~ hers for love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of His Holy Mother.

I have kept her little message You first sent me and together with this letter I cherish as a miraculous gift coming directly from such holy hands, I will read them frequently and make an act of humility as well as meditate on each sentence, so that by the help of almighty God's grace I may merit the signal honor His loving Heart so bountifully bestows on poor me."

I hope Your health is good, tell me about Your own self when You write me again, You know I am interested in Your welfare, anything I can do for You, do not fail to ask me.

Placing You in Our Lord's own Heart
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

As ever, Your Sister

Sister M Mildrida

St. Alphonsus Hospital

Boise, Idaho

a copy I will write each one, so they may know how many wonderful privileges and blessings attached, they will pray for You in return;

Kindly thank the dear Sainthly soul for me; for all the favours she has obtained for me.

Kindly remember in Your prayers my Superior and her needs, inclosed find petitions for Sister M. Regis who asked me to kindly ask You to place with Your good friend for her.

I hope You are real well, I will give You every Saturday as a Holy Cross day through the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Sacred Heart for all Your intentions and Your Seminary. I am very grateful to You

as ever Your friend in J. M. J.

Sister M. Mildreda

St. Alphonsus Hospital
Boise, Idaho

J. M. J. Sunday Sept. 13th. 41

Rev. Aloysius Collacchia C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

Many Thanks for the Badages I assure You I appreciate all Your kind thoughtfulness to me as well as all the wonderful privileges and Blessings + Graces You have obtained for me.

I will make every effort to correspond to all, and follow Your advice with all the ardor of my heart and Soul, so that I may in my small way be worthy of the Infinite favours You have obtained through that living Saint for me. God love and bless You and Her in return how to thank You. I can find no words, but instead, I promise You fidelity, and the assurance of my daily prayers, for You and Your Seminary and for my dear little suffering friend. I divided the Badages You sent me to those I know will pray for You. I forgot all the blessings attached as I sent the one You sent me to my twins with a badage each when You first sent them to me, so when You write me again please Father write them out so I may give them

J. M. J.

O. L. A. Manteno, Ill.
September 22, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

As briefly as possible I desire to expose to you the workings of the Holy Spirit within me - that you may be the better enabled to direct and help me to keep under the Divine influence, letting the Divine power within me direct my every movement. It is so easy to fall under the sway of nature and be led by its impulses even while exerting the greatest effort in upward striving. This is, I suppose, what spiritual writers call "human frailty" - permitted by God to impress deeply upon us what we are, and Who God is. As Our Lord put it to St. Catherine "you are she who is not, I am He Who is". When face to face with the hard reality of an existent condition, I often kneel even in the Sacramental Presence feeling myself bereft of faith, trust and love, clinging to God by a mere thread of faith with but a spark of love, while self seems like an intolerable monster about to seize its prey. In these moments I experience real need of love, great love, and beseech Him over and over again to flood my soul with torrents of Divine Love that I may live for Him as I desire in spite of the ego. I have so much to fear from self. Twice I felt myself brinking close to infidelity and called to God like a drowning child uttering over and over the ejaculation: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee". I begin to understand why so few souls attain to sanctity, it takes courage and strength, and I feel so weak and cowardly. Yet impoverished as I feel myself to be I know He wants constant, whole-hearted abandonment, and I must give Him that. He wants the giving of my life-blood, as it were, moment by moment, in union with Him in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Please pray that I may be faithful - and beseech Him to bring His little rebel into complete subjection to Him - to keep me faithful, to be merciful to me a sinner. Each day, each hour, each moment, He is granting me His grace, with each giving my indebtedness is increasing, I must yield Him my all - which is nothing really. Jesus and Mary were so meek, so humble, so little, and I am so proud, so independent, so wilful - (and this is truth), still I want to be like them, meek and humble and kind. I formed the habit of kissing the floor at each station when I make my Stations of the Cross - as an act of humility and petition for this virtue which I so need. My tongue is a wily instrument, which I use, Oh, so poorly. The reason I know is because I am led by human impulse and not by God within me. I have exerted great effort on this point with somewhat disheartening results. Perhaps if you would treat me with severity on this point it might help, I might feel like blasting but none but God will know. I was comforted by a reading in the City of God where our Blessed Mother states: "With creatures it is very difficult to preserve the golden middle, without danger of passing from the correct and necessary to the imperfect. The way to avoid this danger is to tend toward the other extreme striving rather to reflect and be silent." This is what I have been endeavoring to do - my chancing upon it in print only confirms my belief that at present that is what God wants, at least until I become more Christ-centered. Every time I use holy water I make the sign of the Cross and then a little cross on my forehead, lips and heart, begging God: "May the Most Blessed Trinity, Eternal Father, Son and Holy Ghost reign in my mind, on my lips and in my heart." I really believe this little practice is helping me. I desire every fibre of my being to be His, at His command. I belong to Him and am not my own, - and I delight in the thought that some day I will really be all His by Divine union, and not in desire only. When I fail I say with St. Theresa (the strong woman - saint I love and admire) "Lord, behold the fruits of my garden". I am continuing the Storm Novena you asked me to make but differently now. Five Hail Mary's in union with the Five Holy Wounds, one Our Father in honor of St. Joseph for the dying; an Our Father, Hail Mary and Gloria Patri, in union with Christ Crucified for our Holy Father and the needs of Holy Mother Church. At this latter I renew my act of Holy Abandonment, and offer myself anew as a victim for Holy Mother Church. I hesitated to do this at first, but I think I remember you telling me to do that once, am I mistaken. In the fulfillment of my vow of greater perfection the most secure way to follow seems to me - to do what is most disagreeable to nature except where Obedience decides the issue. Right?

I have told you much, I am afraid I cannot express more, but of this I am certain. I will to love God, I will to be faithful, to be all things to all men for God, I want to please Him always, to keep myself constantly in His presence, to do always what pleases Him and not self, I have chosen God as my Master, I want to be directed in all things by the Spirit of God. The more impossible I feel a thing to be the more do I cast myself into His hands relying upon His Divine power to do for me what I cannot do. Eventhough my feelings are not in accord with this belief, I still say: God please do for me what I am powerless to do, Thou canst do it, and I know Thou wilt. Determined effort with the power of the Divinity I know is sufficient, but I still fear my weakness. This you must understand if I have made myself clear. He is letting me feel my miseries - and I am happy because so long as I am sunk in the abyss of human weakness- knowledge of God is greater, and I see myself as I am. In spite of what I feel, He is drawing me closer. This I know by a more ready triumph of grace over nature. I have been struck with wonder at times by the softness of my own voice - when I felt like blasting as it were. In these moments I can only lift up my mind and look at Him: saying with St. John: "It is the Lord". God is good, so very good, I must never refuse Him anything,

In beginning this letter I said something about brevity - are you convinced now I have a womanish tongue? Pardon my taking so much of your time.

Please pray for me and my needs. Some say they never ask for anything for themselves. I feel I must. For to whom shall I go if not to Him and His own. We need to be virtuous, we need to be holy, the frank admission of our weakness and insufficiency, it seems to me must draw down His blessing, and I think it is what He wants of me. In proportion as we draw closer to Him, do our merits for Holy Mother Church increase, this is my strong plea to God and my Immaculate Mother for Divine union. The more He becomes part of me, the more He can do through His feeble child - that is, I think a strong argument in my favor. The delay I attribute to His holy will - the blame to self, self is still too strong. With His help I am bent on reserving for self only hatred and contempt. Pray God to uphold this my resolve with the power of His Divinity, He alone can effect this unnatural course.

I assure you of a daily remembrance in my prayers and works. May the Divine Wisdom uphold and direct you always.

Respectfully,

Sister Mary

J. M. J.

St. Marys Hospital
Kankakee, Ill
Oct. 7/41

Reverend Father Alapicis,
St. Jude Seminary
Morneme, Ill.

Reverend Father:-

I just returned from Colorado Springs and I am pleased to tell you Sr. St. Michael had a very successful operation. On account of her asthmatic condition it will be some time before she can return to Illinois.

I am enclosing a dollar for a mass stipend in honor of St. Jude to obtain the cure of a very nice lady I met at the Hospital where Sister Michael is.

She has a great devotion to
St. Jude so I promised her
to have a mass said for her.
Father, I would appreciate
if you could say the mass
yourself as soon as possible.
Please ask the Fathers and
the boys pray for her recovery
also. She is a convert and
is very charitable. She married
a Count in Belgium but
when the war broke out they
lost all they had and they
flew back to the states.

Is everything at St.
Jude's? I have kept all
your intentions in my
prayers and will continue
to do so.

With grateful and respectful
sentiments, I am
Yours in union with Mary,
Queen of the Holy Rosary.
Sister St. Emily

J. M. J.

Holy Family Academy
Beaumont, Ill
Nov. 12/41

Reverend Father Aloysius, Rector.
Marengo, Ill.

Reverend and dear Father:

Enclosed is one
dollar for a mass stipend. for
our deceased Mother General.
Should it be possible to have
the mass on Sat. Nov. 15th
feast of our Lady of Providence

I had a very pleasant visit
at Marengo where I enjoyed
the religious atmosphere of
silence which denotes a

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois

Nov. 27, 1941

Dear Father:

Enclosed you will find
ten dollars which my cousin,
Mr. Kehoe asked me to give you
for Masses. Five are to be said
for the souls in Purgatory and
five are to be said in thanksgiving
for a grace he received.

I was a little disappointed

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois
November 30, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

Following is my program for Advent which I submit for your approval, as I am desirous of doing all under obedience. A bit tardy, I admit.

Resolved: I will lead an intensely interior life by Silence with the Word Incarnate. Silence of Mind, Tongue and Heart, as expressed in the circular letter of our Reverend Mother for Advent.

However, as I have been endeavoring to inculcate this silence in my daily life heretofore, I shall center my efforts upon this: "Silence every useless, idle thought". I seem to be most wanting on this point. As Our Lord told Benigna "There is a virginity of spirit as well as of body--If one of My spouses dwells on useless thoughts, she is guilty of robbery toward Love which would be an injury to virginity." On this point I am putting forth earnest persistent effort. My failures are numberless, but with each failure I humbly admit my fruitless effort, and I know that when I am sufficiently immersed in my nothingness, He will uplift me. I am making a storm novena in union with the Most Holy Trinity to our Blessed Mother in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The special grace I am asking for is "Virginity of Spirit". Perhaps you will chime in a word of petition for me too, please?

To help foster recollection and the interior life, I am taking for Advent practice "to repress every useless or unnecessary movement". This mortification I offer as my adoration and love of the Incarnate Word, and in praise of Mary, Mother Immaculate.

In chanting the Office I intermittingly unite with the Blessed Trinity in Its complacency and praise of the Incarnate Word and Mary, and union with Mary in adoration and love - and sometimes I unite myself with the whole celestial court. I made a novitiate promise that I would say my Office with the utmost devotion and attention as an act of reparation for those who do not love it or recite it thus. During this Advent I shall endeavor to atone for my negligence on this point.

I desire with increased ardor that God live in me, and by me. And that this may be so, my heart must be emptied of all that is not Him. This is a real task for poor human nature, but as I have yielded myself to the mercy of love, and promised to give Him my little one-fourth - "fidelity and love" then I know I can rely on Him for the other $99\frac{3}{4}$. Our Blessed Mother's counsel to Benigna for Greater Perfection was: "Yield yourself to the mercy of love, talk little with creatures and much with God, and from the heart." In preparation for Christmas I am saying this ejaculation: "Divine Infant King come and be born in my heart and substitute Thyself in my stead". I really desire this - that He substitute Himself for me. The thought has come to me perhaps that is too sublime for one so little advanced, but if it is wrong - you will tell me please.

Wednesday is the 21st anniversary of my First Holy Communion, I am asking God for an increase of Love - a deep, real love for Him, that will give Him full liberty of action always and especially in the hour of supreme sacrifice.

My prayers for a very holy Advent. Please pray for me -His neediest needy child.

Respectfully,

*Sister Mary of the
Precious Blood*

Mendoza 2280

Villa Porvenir

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dec. 2, 1941

Dear Father:

With Hearty Greetings for a Merry Christmas and happy New Year!
On a holy night long, long ago while angels voices carolled low,
there came to earth a new-born King, A King of peace and love, to bring
new hope, new faith, new joy to men. Now may His spirit, once again, be with
you and most richly bless your heart with Yuletide happiness.
May the sweet Babe of Bethlehem fill your heart with delight.

I am really getting home sick, because I have not much work to do.
I am ^tsaying with Salacian Fathers, because our house is not yet finished,
may will be ready by Christmas, but the Church will not be finished by that
time; If financial conditions will be good, may will be finished by Easter.
I am staying alone here and keeping silence, because I am very slow in learning
Spanish language. We have about 10,000 people in ^{our} care, but comes to church
only a few, and without Spanish, we not much could do. Most are Spanish,
Italian, Polish and Lithuanian, all are very poor. When they see a priest
Calling him "perro" and throw a stone. Dear Father tell to Our Lord, Who
is always with you in Sacramental presence, that I may be more successful in
learning that language, and be able to ^{do} at least something, for them.

Yours true friend in Christ,

Rev. B.P. Vitkus

Misioneros Hijos del Inmaculado
Corazón de María

Apartado 1,002

Panamá R. de P.

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Sep 3 - 1941

D^{no}. P. D. Ellacuría

Mi recordado Padre: Al fin respiro;
pensaba que todos y todos los de Momence
se había esfumado. Veo que todavía
viven; gracias a Dios en la paz del
Señor y en perfecta armonía.

He tenido mucho gusto en saber
cosas de usted; V. R. lo puede suponer. De
Momence tengo y toda mi vida tendré muy
buenos recuerdos; y esto, pase lo que pase.

Es por aquí, bien. Clavado todo el
día en mi despacho de oficina, con

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Panamá R. de P.

bastantes bautismos y sobre to-
do muchas confesiones. Todas las
semanas; ya no digamos ahora
para la Inmaculada con las primeras co-
munionen, pues el trabajo será abruma-
dor. En tres Misas distintas tendremos
las primeras Comuniones por motivo que
nuestra Iglesia no es suficientemente ca-
paz para el grandioso jubileo que se ven-
drá para este año.

Todas las Misas ^{de} los Domingos son
muy concurridas. Tenemos cinco Misas
y pensamos en añadir otras más a las 10 a.m.
Más tarde se habrá de pensar también
en el modo de atender a los americanos
que asisten.

Mi inglés regular; tengo bastante

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Corazón de María

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Panamá R. de P.

oportunidad de practicarle.

He estado dando instrucciones
a algunos por varias semanas
a fin de prepararlos para el bautismo
etc etc. Aquí, sintiéndome rez, lo
hablo con más cultura.

Pongame a Dios para que el clima
no sea mi enemigo. me afecta bastante
a la vista; llevo lentes y además me tu-
vieron que operar de las amígdalas.
por lo demás he estado muy bien. con-
servo buenos colores y me siento con fuer-
za para trabajar. Nada de dolor de
cabeza, pesadez de piernas etc -

Más tarde, Dios dirá...
He leído la carta del Sr. Leirio, me gusta
todo lo que dice. A ver si le escribo
en recuerdo a todos, en de V.R. ap. 0.0.9 lun.
San Juan, P.R.

Ente el P. Sang en Monre

J. M. J.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois
December 5, 1941.

Dear Reverend Father:

Several weeks ago I spoke to you about being a Co-Missionary, at which time I stated I wished to consider the matter further. I had thought to speak to you about this when you were here last, but did not wish to take up more time, and then in this way you can have time to consider, too, before giving your approval or non-approval.

As you said I am already a co-Missionary but as there is no correspondence connected with this it interests me. I think my adopting a missionary will stimulate my zeal. To express myself more fully, I would like to adopt three in honor of the most Blessed Trinity. Is this too daring, I think not. If three can be helped in a special way instead of one then why not? This won't prevent me from having all missionaries and souls in mind. As I have offered and given over to my Immaculate Mother Mary all my merits and good works, I do not wish to offer special days for this end. I will ask her to take care of their needs when and as she sees fit. Do you think that advisable?

Further this is my desire: To adopt one by joining the Co-Missionary Apostolate at Techny. (A missionary in the Chinese missions if any choice is given) As a child I was much attracted to the Chinese Missions - it was my dream to work among them, and now my dream can be realized in a manner I never thought of.

My second missionary I wish to be a Claretian - to be chosen by you as the Holy Spirit may inspire or direct you. In connection with this it is my wish to be unknown.

My third missionary I wish to be a Holy Ghost Father- this I can handle through Reverend Mother or perhaps Father Haeger.

I spoke to Reverend Mother when she was here and she approves of being a Co-Missionary, so you need fear nothing there, except this that we must do nothing that will disable or unfit us for our duties.

I feel very foolish for writing this, and if I followed my inclinations right now this page would be riddled to pieces. Our Blessed Mother told Benigna to watch for the Divine action in all. Since I have written the above with permission, I leave the rest to your decision. I ask only that His holy will be done! Please pray for me.

I wish you to know that the practice you gave me for the recitation of the Angelus is proving very helpful to me.

My prayerful wishes for a holy Advent.

Respectfully,

Sister Mary

Holy Family Academy
Beaureville Illinois
December 8, 1941

J. M. J.

Reverend Father:

Enclosed is a stipend for a Mass to be said on December fifteenth for Mother St. Thomas, if it is possible for you to do so. Do pray very specially for her as she is suffering greatly.

Jesus and I have prayed to our Father in Heaven so much for you of late - you are suffering - may the trial fashion you still more in the likeness of Christ. How you must miss Father Julian - I will pray much for him too.

Ever united in the accomplishment of God's Holy Will,
your grateful penitent

S. Mary Mediatrix

J. M. J.

Holy Family Academy

Beaverville, Illinois

December 12, 1941

Dear Father Alloysius:

You will rejoice to hear that the Sacred Heart has made a public appeal in our parish. This is what happened. Our annual Forty Hours were held later than usual, so that the closing day coincided with the First Sunday of Advent. Father based his instructions on the three principal revelations of St. Margaret Mary reproaching the people with their coldness and indifference and finishing with a special appeal for gratitude and reparation and the enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes, on Advent Sunday. It was the first public appeal in keeping with the message of the Holy Father last year. Several thought Reverend

Mother, Sr. M. Medatrix or I, or — someone
had specifically coached Father. He had not,
but the best of "Coaches," the Holy Spirit,
had done so and we rejoiced that the
cause of Merciful Love was being furthered.
Three statements made by the missionary
were identical with phrases in a private
message received by the Pastor some time
ago. He ^(the Pastor) seemed uneasy.

This public appeal was all the more
striking in that it seemed to be a divine
retaliation, if one may so express it, for the
public denunciation made of our privileged
one before the assembled Community in
our Convent Chapel because she pronounced
by divine revelation that a Host found in
church was consecrated. I presume you know
the details of this.

I wish to thank you Father, for having
acknowledged the mass stipend and also
for the leaflet on devotion to the Infant
Jesus of Prague. May I count on your

charity to pay Mass for the repose of the soul of the Grandfather of one of our little Novices, Mr. Treffe Louie, who passed away recently.

I count on your prayers, Father, for my own conversion. You have no idea how I am governed, - paralyzed I should say, by a cowardly fear and human respect that bewilders my judgment completely. With the help of God's grace I must conquer this and make of it a Christmas gift for the Desired One cost what it may! I take the liberty to confide this to you since the Sacred Heart had expressed the wish that you care for my soul.

Assuring you of my gratitude for all you have done in the past, I am

Most respectfully yours in J. M. J.

Sister Saint Thomas, S. C. M.

J.M.J.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

December 24, 1941

Dear Father Alayrino:

We would appreciate so much
your saying Mass for our beloved Sister Mary
Mediatrice during the Christmas octave. Only
the Holy Sacrifice can adequately express our

gratitude for all she has done and merited for us.

I am under the impression of having made a similar request with regard to our dear Mother Provincial. Should I have failed to send the stipend kindly advise me of the fact.

With every good wish for a most heavenly Christmas in union with Mary and her Little One, I am
most gratefully yours in J. M. I.
L. H. Thompson.

Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois

THE SANCTIFYING EFFECTS OF HOLY COMMUNION.

An increase of habitual grace "ex opere operato".
A union at once real and spiritual, a transforming union
and by nature permanent.

1) The union is real. We are ciborium wherein Christ
lives, where the angels come and adore Him. More, there
exists between Jesus and ourselves a union similar to that
existing between food and him who eats it--with this difference,
however, that it is Jesus who transforms us into Himself.

2) The union is spiritual in character. The soul of Christ
unites with ours.

His imagination and His memory unite themselves to ours
to discipline them and turn them toward God.

His intelligence enlightens our minds so that we see and
value things as God sees them.

His will comes to correct our weakness by communicating
to our wills its own Divine energy.

3) This union is truly transforming.

Our thoughts, our ideas, our convictions and judgments
undergo a change.

The same is true of our desires, our choices.

Our heart frees itself from its more or less conscious
egotism, from natural attachments and affections.

4) This spiritual union can be as lasting as we wish.

His divinity remains with us as long as we are in the state
of grace. The Holy Ghost, dwelling within the human soul of
Christ, remains in us in virtue of the special relationship
we have entered into with Jesus Christ by sacramental com-
munion.

5) Communion brings about a special union with the Three
Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity.

From Tanqueray, The Spiritual Life. p. 143-147

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The Eucharist affords to the supernatural life of the soul protection and healing; but to the body also its effects of grace extend directly as well as indirectly.

Holy Communion by inflaming the heart with ardent love and heavenly aspirations, by averting dangers of salvation and giving protection against temptations, by imparting more abundant grace for energetic resistance against the attacks of the enemy diminishes at least indirectly the empire of sensuality. But we may go still further and assume that the most holy and most pure Body of Christ suppresses and curbs also directly in the body of the worthy communicant the temptations and inclinations to concupiscence. In as much as the miraculous Eucharist Food thus preserves the body chaste and unsullied, it disposes and preserves it for the glorious resurrection. To this must be added another aspect. In Holy Communion we receive Christ's Body and Blood into our heart, that is, we are not merely by faith, charity and grace united spiritually, but also corporally with Christ and in consequence thereof, in a more perfect sense we become members of the one body and one blood with Christ. Since by Christ's Body and Blood the personlaity of the devout communicant is elevated and ennobled, consecrated and sanctified, Christ cherishes, loves and esteems it, this to speak, as His own, for it is in a special manner espoused to and possessed by Him.

Gahr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. p. 733.

See also, Reminiscences of Blessed Anthony Claret, p.238.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Dear Father:

If it is possible I would appreciate
your saying the Mass for my saintly
Mother Friday. Kindly have an intention
for Sister Mary Mediatrix (anniversary of
her first dismissal) for Sr. Mary Emanuella

who gave her devotion to the Sacred Heart and
who owes her perseverance to St. Mary Mediatrix
and for me — thanksgiving.

May the Sacred Heart reward you
bountifully for all you have done for me.

Gratifully and respectfully yours in J. M. J.

S. S. Thomas
S. A. C. M.

NOVITIATE S. S. C. M.
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Thank you most kindly through
the dear Sacred Heart.

May I ask you to tell Richard
Bartlett that his Sister Lea (Sister M. Clare)
has decided to withdraw and is expected
to leave Sunday at the latest. She is
doing so after having submitted the matter
to her Superiors and Confessor, both of
whom approve of her doing so. She
is better fitted to be a good business
woman and mother.

God willing, I trust your next visit will
not be so brief. I had counted so much on
seeing you last time about our Mommie child.

NOVITIATE S. S. C. M.
BEAVERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Do you know she is again greatly disturbed? She has in the past been trying to conceal her identity with you. I hope she is not doing so now. Time does not permit my going into details about the matter so I shall entrust it to the Holy Spirit who will, I am certain, enlighten you as to her needs.

Forgive me for having taken so much of your precious time, and thank you, once again for your prayerful and paternal solicitude for us.

Respectfully yours in I. M. I

Sister Saint Thomas S.C.M.